TESTIMONY

May God bless you richly. Warm greetings in the Lord from your brothers and sisters in Ghana to you all at Faith Center in Atlanta. The love of Christ you share with us in your letters is so encouraging, every word inspires us spiritually. Your daily prayers are sustaining us during these trial days. As Paul said, "Who can separate us from the love of Christ? In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loves us."

By the great power of almighty God all your brothers and sisters are safe and sound, the troubled seas are fairly calm. Thank God for His great mercy towards us. Your prayer support has been effective. We could not write to you before.

It is so touching to have Christian relatives abroad who care for our safety and well-being. You know we could not hold tears back, but they were tears of joy. This is real Christian spirit. God's name should be praised.

Sister Grace,
Sunyani, Ghana

"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned."
1 Corinthians 2:14

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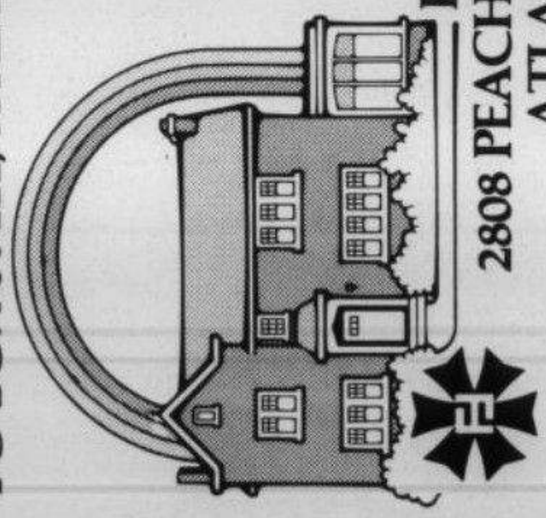
"Each tree is recognized by its own fruit . . ."
Luke 6:44



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PROGRAMS

THE HEALING MINISTRY

The Lord blesses this work with many remarkable healings of body, mind and spirit. At Faith Center we conduct counseling, and healing prayers both for the physically ill and for those who are oppressed emotionally and by conflicts in their lives. We reach out to those who are institutionalized and bedridden with the healing love of Jesus Christ, and through our prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power, to people all over the world.

THE PRISON MINISTRY

Our work focuses on the importance of each person undergoing a profound personal change, by receiving Christ, so that, upon release, he or she does not simply return to a self-destructive lifestyle. Our current programs include counseling in Georgia's death row and at Atlanta's Federal Penitentiary, and weekly Prayer Meetings at Atlanta Women's Transitional Center (a half-way house).

ANIMAL ACTION

When God gave mankind dominion over the earth and its creatures He did not have in mind the abuse and abandonment of His creatures, nor their torture in scientific experiments. Nevertheless these things happen on a vast scale. We, therefore, give a very high priority to working against such abuse wherever we can, including the promotion of legislation.

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ I wish to join your international prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. Enclosed is my love offering.

LITERATURE

I would like to receive the following literature.

☐ THE INNOCENT CREATION
☐ THE SECOND COMING
☐ GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
☐ JESUS LOVES YOU, SATAN, HATES YOU
☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH SYMBOL
☐ FAITH, HOPE & HEALING (published in Creative Loafing)
☐ SPIRITUAL CONSULTATIONS
☐ THE FOUNDATION FAITH — HOW'S, WHY'S & WHERE'S
☐ GOD'S PLAN — A PERSONAL TESTIMONY
☐ A FOUNDATION STATEMENT — GOD, THE WORLD, THE MESSIAH, HEALING, THE FUTURE
☐ SEVEN SERMONETTES
☐ HEALING
☐ FISHERS OF MEN
☐ STATEMENT OF FAITH
☐ LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD (An introduction to The Foundation Faith of God in Atlanta)

FAITH CASSETTES

Please send me the FAITH CASSETTES I have checked below. I enclose my check/money order for $5.50 for each half-hour cassette as a donation to your work.

☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING — AN INTRODUCTION
☐ YOU ARE A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S HEALING
☐ THE GIFT OF FAITH

HEALING & COUNSELING

Call 237-6570 for a private appointment with a minister for counseling and healing prayers.

If you have checked any of the boxes above, please PRINT your name, address and phone number below, cut out this panel and mail it to: The Foundation Faith of God, PO Box 56411, Atlanta, Ga. 30343.

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SCHEDULE

We invite you to come by and visit with us at Faith Center. We suggest our regular meetings as the best times, as follows:

SUNDAY, 1-2 PM.
THE LORD'S DAY CELEBRATION.

Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, healing, music, renewal.

THURSDAY, 7:30-8:30 PM.
THE CIRCLE OF POWER.

A time devoted to both receiving the Lord's healing touch, and an opportunity to pray together for those in need.

THURSDAY, 8:30-9:30 PM.
BIBLE STUDY.

The Word of God can radically change our lives for the better. Also, by understanding biblical prophecy we can see how events and trends in the world today must lead to Jesus' Second Coming.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special workshops, classes and meetings are announced as they are scheduled. Please check the "Newsbriefs" section for details of upcoming events.

HEAVEN AND OTHER PLACES!

Photo: Margery Cunningham

Rev. Raphael de Peyer leads the prayer at the beginning of the Lord's Day Celebration, Sundays at 1PM at Faith Center.

"... The kingdom of God does not come visibly, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Luke 17:20-21

Jesus makes it clear that heaven is a spiritual state, not a physical place. In fact, we could say that heaven is a state of one with God, and hell is a state of complete alienation from God. Whether we are in heaven, hell, or someplace in between is determined by the state of our relationship to God, not by our physical circumstances.

Jesus spoke and taught constantly in spiritual terms. But, as Paul writes (I Corinthians 2:6-16), unless we are with the Spirit such things will be foolishness to us. That presence of the Spirit within is the gift of God.

Jesus brought us the new law of the Spirit, the law of heaven. He explains it frequently. For example, Luke 6:37-38, **" ... Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you ..."** How others treat us is determined by how we treat them.

The law of heaven is not a moral code, an endless list of do's and don'ts such as we find in Deuteronomy or Leviticus, which is the "old law." Nor is Jesus a human moralist; he transcends morality. He does not say it is good to give and wicked not to. He says if we give we will be given to. He states a fact, not a moral judgement on the act of giving.

Morality is the attempt, often codified in legislation, to enforce a code of right and wrong upon a world alienated from God, and to which spiritual law is foolishness, just as the "old law" was a similar attempt to keep the Old Testament Israelites in line! It is a way of trying to cope with hell, but as the increasing chaos, insanity and self-destructiveness of the world shows, man must fail in his attempt. As is prophesied, hell is destroyed — by God, not coped with — by man.

The difference between Jesus' law of the Spirit and the law of the world is the difference between heaven and hell. Man's law cannot control the insanity of hell, and almighty God calls, "Enough," and thank God He does, for it is the end of hell and the beginning of heaven, when Christ returns in glory.

Rev. Raphael de Peyer

NEWS BRIEFS

FOUNDATION DAY

Thursday, May 20th is Foundation Day, the birthday of The Foundation Faith of God. We will celebrate the occasion at 7PM with a special service and buffet. Regularly scheduled activities will be canceled for the evening. We pray that as many as are able will join us at Faith Center. And if you are far away in another city or country we urge you to join together with other members and friends of this ministry and in your own celebration to join with us in spirit. It is a festive occasion, a time for fun and rejoicing, a time for prayers of thanks that the Lord has chosen us to be vessels for His work in the world. So, enjoy, and praise the Lord!

NEWS FROM GHANA

We have now heard from many of our members in Ghana, since a military coup there at the end of 1981, and praise God, all are safe. Sister Grace, Dean of the Circle of Power in Sunyani, has written a letter full of the love of Christ, giving their news, and it is a great joy to publish passages from her letter this month in the "Testimony" section. Praise God for all of you in Ghana and your devotion to the Lord.

Photo: Bob Kellar

Margery Cunningham, Disciple and member of the Circle of Power, is a tower of strength as a volunteer around Faith Center, and is a full-time Social Worker. She brings the Lord's healing power to many in need.

ALABAMA/FLORIDA OUTREACH

As we go to press Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Jana Bernadette are in Birmingham, where they are making media appearances, holding a meeting in conjunction with the Alabama Animal Adoption Society, and conducting a healing service.

This month, May 13-16, both ministers will be in the Pensacola/Mobile area, where they will be engaged in similar activities, culminating in a healing service at the Holiday Inn, Gulf Breeze at 10:30AM, May 16th. It is also hoped that Rev. de Peyer will make a return engagement with the Mobile Humane Society on May 15th. Since this is not definite at press time we ask you to call 666-3961 or 343-3529 in Mobile for information.

ANIMAL ACTION

In our March issue we told of the re-location plans of our Northeastern Ministries and the animal sanctuary they run. Praise the Lord, a beautiful new location has been found 40 miles from Scranton, PA. Previously occupied by an animal-lover, it is excellently equipped for animal care. If you would like to know more about this sanctuary, please write to us at Faith Center, and thank you for all your prayers for this project.

A REMINDER

Last month we asked you to complete and return to us a form giving your name and address if you wished to continue to receive this newsletter. We urge you to do that immediately, if you have not yet done it, as the mailing of the June newsletter will reflect the response to that request. Members of the Circle of Power and Disciples and need not complete and return the form, and will continue to receive the newsletter automatically.

"... This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words."

1 Corinthians 2:13